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SUBJECT:MEETING BETWEEN EPA ADMINISTRATOR TRAIN AND
ENVIRONMENTAL SECRETARY PETER SHORE

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1. TRAIN ENVISAGES CONVERSATION WITH SHORE AS OPPORTUNITY
FOR GENERAL TOUR D'HORIZON OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS OF
CONCERN TO THE TWO COUNTRIES.

2. ITEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST WOULD INCLUDE:

A) PROSPECTS FOR INCREASED BILATERAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE
U.S. AND THE UK. EPA BILATERAL PROGRAMS DIRECTOR JOHN BLANE
LILL VISIT LONDON IN NOVEMBER FOR PURSUIT OF THIS TOPIC;

B) US-UK COOPERATION IN MULTILATERAL FORA SUCH AS NATO/CCMS,
AND THE FUTURE OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS;

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C) RATIFICATION OF THE ENDANGERED SPECIES TREATY; AND

D) PROTECTION OF WETLANDS.

3. TRAIN WILL BE PREPARED TO GIVE SHORE INFORMATION ON:

A) FLUOROCARBONS;

B) LATEST DEVELOPMENTS ON THE CLEAN AIR ACT; AND

C) CHEMICALS IN THE ENVIRONMENT, AND TOXIC SUBSTANCES
LEGISLATION.

4. TRAIN WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMAL DISCUSSION ON
ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF DROUGHT, SUCH AS CONCENTRATION OF
POLLUTANTS IN REMAINING WATER SUPPLIES, CLEANING OF
RESERVOIRS WHILE DEPLETED, ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES OF
REFILLING, PROBLEMS OF WASTE NORMALLY DISPOSED OF BY
WATER, ETC. ALSO, UK EXPERIENCE IN PLANNING WATER
CONSERVATION AND DRINKING WATER SUPPLY.

5. IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL FOR EMBASSY TO ADVISE EPA OF
SPECIFIC QUESTIONS OR SUBJECTS WHICH SECRETARY SHORE
PLANS TO RAISE.

6. IN CONNECTION WITH PARA 3(C), EPA NOTES ARTICLE ON
PAGE 2 OF LONDON TIMES FOR JULY 6 CONCERNING NEW "ADVICE
AND GUIDANCE" ON ASBESTOS ISSUED BY DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION AND SCIENCE ON JULY 5. PAGE 3 OF TIMES CARRIED
FULL-PAGE AD BY THE "ASBESTOS INFORMATION COMMITTEE"
UNDOUBTEDLY TIMED TO REASSURE PUBLIC IN LIGHT OF NEW D.E.S.
REGULATIONS. GIVEN THE CONCERN OVER ASBESTOS USAGE IN THE
US AND OTHER COUNTRIES (EG, ALMOST TOTAL PROHIBITION IN
SWEDEN EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1976) REQUEST EMBASSY OBTAIN NEW
REGS AND COMMENT ON CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS. ALSO REQUEST
EMBASSY PROVIDE INFO ON ANY ASBESTOS REGS PROMULGATED
BY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, AND COMMENT WHETHER MORE
STRINGENT REGS ARE FORESEEN.

7. RE PARA 4, EPA APPRECIATES INFORMATION FORWARDED BY
SCICOUNS HULM SEPTEMBER 3.

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8. DEPARTMENT HAS SUGGESTED AND EPA AGREES THAT SCIENCE
COUNSELOR MIGHT USEFULLY ACCOMPANY TRAIN DURING CALL
ON SHORE. ROBINSON

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